

REMARKS

Applicant submits a Petition and Fee for a Three-Month Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-16 are all the claims presently pending in the application. This Preliminary Amendment amends the claims 1 and 10 to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 10, and 14 are independent.

These amendments are made only to more particularly point out the invention for the Examiner and not for narrowing the scope of the claims or for any reason related to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Applicant also notes that, notwithstanding any claim amendments herein or later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-16, all the claims presently pending in the Application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

An exemplary embodiment of the present invention includes a task processing device that determines whether or not an event identifier that corresponds to a completed task is registered in a storage, and if it is registered, the task processing device processes a second task corresponding to the event of the registered event identifier using a resource used by the first task, thereby reducing the overhead for acquiring and releasing resources that are necessary for processing the same task.

None of the applied references teaches or suggests this feature. Therefore, the claimed invention is clearly novel and non-obvious over the applied references.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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